

His Majesties most Gracious

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To the **LETTER** from the Arch-bishops and Bishops.

To Our Right Trusty and Rightwelb loved Countellors, the Lords Archbishops, and our right Trusty and VVelbeloved, the Bishops of Our Antient Kingdom of **Scotland**.

JAMES R.

Right Trusty and Right welbeloved Countellors, and Right Trusty and welbeloved, We Greet you well; We have received your most dutiful Letter, of the third day of **November**, in which We are glad to see, that you are far from being of the number of those Spiritual Lords, whom the Prince of **Orange** pretends to have been Invited by; As VVe have likewise had repeated Assurances from all the Bishops of **England**, of their Innocency in that, and Duty to Us: We have now thought fit by this to tell you, how sensible VVe are of your Zeal for Our Service, and for the dutiful Expressions of your Loyalty to Us, in a time when all Arts are used to Seduce Our Subjects from their Duty to Us. VVe Do likewise take Notice of your Diligence in your Duty, by your Inculcating to those under your Charge, these Principles which have always been Owned, Taught and Published by that Protestant, Loyal Church, you are truly Members of: VVe Do assure you of Our Royal Protection to you, your Religion, Church and Clergy, and that VVe will be careful of your Concerns, when ever there shall be a suitable occasion offered to Us; you, and every one of you, being most perfectly in Our Royal Protection and Favour. And so VVe bid you heartily Farewel.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 15 day of November 1688. And of Our Reign, the 4th year.

By His Majesties Command,

MELFORT.